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Commissioner appointed Northern townships begin to restructure

Restructuring is on its way in Victoria County, one way or another. The Townships of Somerville, Bexley and Laxton, Digby and Longford have signed an agreement to amalgamate by the next election while at the same time the province has announced a commissioner would be appointed to force the issue throughout the county.

The three municipalities have been meeting for the past few weeks, to outline the plans for amalgamation. The restructuring committee members have been appointed, with two elected representatives, as well as a member of the public from each municipality.

Representatives from all three of the municipalities feel that this step is a clear example of a locally made decision, that does not require an outside Provincial Commissioner. In a letter
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MEASURING UP: When the Haliburton Highlands Genealogical Group held its Christmas party earlier this month, the members attended dressed in pioneer costumes. Dave Bulford, dressed as an over-eager undertaker, measures his wife Anne, prior to the the Christmas meal. For a complete report on the celebration and additional photos, please turn to page 4.



Inside look

The public had a chance to tour the new long-term care construction under way in Minden at the Hyland Crest site. The tour was offered December 14, following a Christmas celebration in the home's auditorium and the lighting of the tree in the courtyard. The tree is one of many throughout the county illuminated in support of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation 'Light The Trees' fund raising campaign. Construction Superintendent Bruce Steinberg, right, conducted the tour of the new structure. Many of the visitors also toured the Haliburton long-term care facility later the same evening



As Haliburton County heads into the first year of the new century, it not only has a new Warden in the person of Jeanne Anthon, but, if everything goes according to plan, this is the last time ten municipalities will be represented at the County Council table. The proposed amalgamations will see the existing ten municipalities combined into four. This photo was taken at the opening meeting of the council on Wednesday, December 15 in Minden. Members of County Council for the coming year include, from the left, Don Shortreed representing Sherborne et al, Keith Tallman of Monmouth, Elva Bates of Glamorgan, Jim McMahon of Lutterworth, Warden Jeanne Anthon of Anson, Hindon and Minden, Murray Fearrey of Dysart et al, Ross Rigney of Snowdon, Eleanor Harrison of Stanhope, Doug Holman of Cardiff and Bill Howe of Bicroft.

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**CHRISTMAS CHEER:**

Volunteers began the task of sorting through the donated cans, boxes, and other food for the Christmas Hamper Drive Monday morning. The items had been stored at Our Lady of Fatima church, then delivered to the Minden Community Centre in trucks donated by Ridgewood Ford, Riverview Furniture, and Keaney Chrysler. Volunteers spent three days, assessing what had been received, sorting the items and preparing the boxes for pick up on December 22. About 125 Minden area families will benefit from the Christmas Hamper program this year.

Board anticipates increase in elementary student population

The Trillium Lakelands District School Board has begun the process of reviewing projected changes in student enrolment and how those changes might affect its future plans for programs, attendance areas and capital projects. At a recent meeting, trustees received a consultant's report, examining the rate of population growth across the board and the projected needs of the most crowded schools.

Actions to be considered could include moving programs or changing boundaries to ease the pressure on elementary schools or capital programs involving renovation or construction.

More than 21,000 students currently attend Trillium Lakelands elementary and secondary schools. The consultant's report on demographic change and enrolment says that figure will rise to 22,788 in 2003; 23,447 in

2008 and 24,283 in 2013. Most of the growth is expected to be at the elementary level, with secondary enrolment staying fairly constant.

A second consultant's report examines the feasibility of renovation and construction projects at three schools: Bobcaygeon Public School, Jack Callaghan Public School and LCVI. The two elementary schools were identified in the demographic study as facing the most acute space shortages in the board.

The report also notes that LCVI has very limited access for people with disabilities. The consultants have suggested several upgrades to ensure barrier free access throughout the school as well as the possible addition of more classroom space.

The board will hear presentations by the two consulting firms at its commit-

tee meeting on January 11, where trustees will have the opportunity to discuss the reports and question the consultants.

"Then we need the community's input on this," said board chair Judy Saunders. "School councils, parents and community members are encouraged to come to a public information session in February."

The board will make its final deci-

sion at its February 22 meeting.

Along with a review of schools with possible growth potential, the board will also look at facilities with low enrolment. Currently the school board is considering the closure of Ryde Public School in the Muskoka District.

According to Newly appointed School Board Chair, Judy Saunders, the board has agreed to look at schools with an enrollment less than 75 stu-



CHRISTMAS STUFFING: OPP Cadet Ben Mayville was on duty last week, collecting food for the food bank at the Minden valu-mart. The OPP cruiser could be found at both the Minden and Haliburton IGA and valu-mart stores. The vehicle was filled at least twice with the food thanks to the generosity of people shopping at these stores. "The community was really good," said Staff Sergeant Bob Walli.

Amalgamation talks under way

(from page one)

sent by the Somerville Clerk, to Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Tony Clement, it is clearly stated that these municipalities would prefer to find their own solution. "With all due respect, council feels strongly that the province has over-reacted in Victoria County and requests that the commis-

sioner be deferred pending the outcome of our own efforts on a local level." (The full text of the letter can be found on page 6.)

All of the meetings of the restructuring committee will be open to the public. The first meeting was scheduled to be held at the Laxton, Digby, Longford Municipal Office on December 23.

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Celebrating an olde fashioned Christmas

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The home of cousin Doris Robertson was the scene of a very festive affair. The reason being the 3rd annual Haliburton Highlands Genealogical Group Christmas Social.

'Family' members arrived in their finest attire to share the festivities. 'Digger Dave' sported a three piece suit complete with 'Bowler' and measuring ribbon. He took 'orders' for custom made caskets, while extolling the benefits of one wood over another.

The ladies were all wearing versions of the fashions seen recently in Harper's Bazaar. Some sported bonnets of varying shapes and styles. Lynn arrived in an outfit befitting a lady of social standing. Her exquisite handbag deserves special mention.

The male counterparts donned suits; each regularly checking their pocket watches to keep the proceedings running to time; with the exception of Grant who was the epitome of a woodsman. His pocket knife came in very handy.

Doris had her spacious log home tastefully decorated. 'Modern' trinkets as well as her favourite heirlooms shared the spotlight. Candles, glass birds and spheres as well as the Victorian pickle could be seen among the boughs of the cedar tree.

The family members caught up on the events of the past year before enjoying a scrumptious feast of turkey and stuffing, potatoes, turnip, baby carrots and peas, rolls and various kinds of pickle dishes. Doris' tourtiere pie was 'to die for'. All the ladies went home with a requested copy of her recipe. The meal was followed with a bowl of Christmas pudding. Had it been socially acceptable many of us would have licked our bowl clean. Everything eaten was made from scratch using the finest ingredients.

The afternoon air was filled with the sounds of singing. Cousin Catherine did an excellent job of 'tickling the ivories' while leading us in Christmas

Carols.

Much gaiety surrounded the exchange of handmade gifts. The boxes and bags revealed a teddy bear, bottles of wine, jams and jellies, maple syrup, a scarf and stationary. It would take too much space to list everything; however, there was much 'hulla-ba-loo' made over the opening of the handmade wooden stools.

A new tradition was begun at this function. An award aptly named the 'You're O.K.' award was revealed. The name stands for "Your Outstanding Com-

mitment." The purpose of this award is to acknowledge the work done by members of the HHGG. Too often we forget to say thank you for a job well done. This year's recipient was Dave Bulford. He has spent countless hours on the CemSearch project, cemetery transcribing and building databases. He was instrumental in writing our Constitution earlier in the year. Well deserved David!

The whole day was captured on film. Nephew Jamie did a terrific job as the photographer.



AROUND THE TABLE: Sharing the Christmas dinner in an old fashioned way were, from the left, Doris and Don Alton, Pauline and Grant Plooard, Anne and Dave Bulford, Chris and Carol Miles, Linda Robertson, Lynn Peel, Nancy Stinson, Betts and Ron Mugridge, Ross and June Partridge, Gareth and Catherine Kellett - not shown, Jamie Stewart.

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Driver charged after taking run at Echo building

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A run-in with the press

On the evening of December 17, a Dysart man was charged with a number of offences after colliding with the office of the *Haliburton County Echo*. The OPP investigation revealed that the vehicle was northbound on Highlands Avenue, when it lost control and struck a cement wall on Cedar Avenue. The vehicle then continued southbound across Cedar Avenue and struck the Haliburton County Echo building. The driver was not injured as a result of the collision. A female passenger was treated and released from Haliburton Hospital with minor injuries.

The driver, Shawn Easton, 30, of Dysart Township, was charged and arrested as a result of the incident. Charges include: impaired driving, having a blood/alcohol level above

the legal limit, two counts of breach of probation, and breach of recognizance. Easton was held in custody for a bail hearing in Lindsay court.

Impaired driving charges

Charges were laid against 59 year-old Garwood Stevenson, of Lutterworth Township November 20. The OPP have charged the man with impaired driving and having a blood/alcohol level above the legal limit.

OPP responded to a complaint from a local resident, who complained of a suspicious vehicle. Officers attended the scene

on Deep Bay Road in Lutterworth Township. Stevenson appeared in Minden Court on December first.

Impaired charges were also laid in two separate incidents on December 19. In Dysart Township, at around 2:30 a.m. OPP stopped a vehicle during a moving RIDE patrol in Haliburton Village. As a result, Stephen Bell, 50 of Glamorgan Township was arrested and charged with impaired driving and having a blood/alcohol level above the legal limit. Bell will appear in Minden Court on February 2.

In Glamorgan Township, that same

day, at about 1 a.m. officers investigated an incident on Pine Street. The officers attempted to stop a man riding an all terrain vehicle. The driver was not wearing a helmet. The driver attempted to leave the scene at which time his hat came off and he stopped to pick it up. Officers then spoke to the driver. As a result, the investigation, the driver Peter Barr, 24, of Glamorgan Township was arrested and charged with impaired driving, having a blood/alcohol level above the legal limit and driving without insurance. Barr will appear in Minden Court on January 12.

Officer escapes serious injury

A police officer was injured during an altercation in Bexley Township. According to the police at approximately 3 a.m., on December 17, two Victoria County OPP officers were patrolling Balsam Lake Drive in Bexley Township. The officers attempted to stop the vehicle and speak to the driver. A short pursuit ensued, and then the vehicle came to a halt. The officers approached the car.

However, before they could reach the car, it suddenly accelerated, driving toward one of the officers, Constable Kris Size. The impact caused him to roll onto the hood of the car and fall onto the ground. He quickly returned to his cruiser and chased the fleeing suspect, who drove down Balsam Lake Road to County Road 48, then returned Balsam Lake Road. The vehicle then collided with the front of the cruiser and the driver lost control, with the car coming to rest in the ditch. He then fled on foot.

The officers called for additional assistance at which time the OPP Emergency Response Unit and Canine Unit arrived along with officers from Victoria County. The male was tracked to a nearby residence and arrested without further incident.

Jonathon Keevil, 22, of Weston, has been charged with attempted murder under the Criminal Code. He is being held for a bail hearing in Lindsay Court.

Constable Kris Size was taken to Ross Memorial Hospital, treated for minor injuries and released.



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Heavy handed tactics

Editorial

Over the past few years we have encouraged municipalities to amalgamate. We have suggested that by creating larger government units greater efficiencies can be found and the taxpayer can be better served. In Haliburton County, for example, we believe that an area with a permanent population of just over 13,000 does not need over 50 elected officials to sort out how the roads should be ploughed or where to build the next park.

One of the premises for our encouragement, and a sentiment repeated from a number of sources, is that it is better to create a municipal structure which meets local sensibilities rather than have one imposed by the province which, it is fair to assume, would have little concern for the community's needs.

Over-hanging all this effort is the

province's threat to "send in the commissioner" if something isn't done. That appears to have been what happened in Victoria County and the three northern municipalities aren't too happy with the prospect of having someone from outside impose a solution. Their concerns are expressed in the letter to the Minister which is reprinted below.

As much as we have favoured an increased concentration of municipal responsibilities and a reduction in the number of jurisdictions, we have also been opposed to the suggestion that any amalgamation should be imposed by the province. In fact we find the heavy-handed tactics, which once again seem to have become the only way Queen's Park knows how to deal with this issue, to be unwarranted and unne-

cessary. The province has lots of tools at its disposal to encourage municipalities to amalgamate. Certainly the downloading and the financial squeeze which are being imposed on municipalities provides them with incentive enough to get together for their own protection. We find it particularly distressing that in this case, where municipalities are making a legitimate effort to consolidate their jurisdictions, the province can disrupt that spirit of good-will and community and impose its own solution.

Hats off to the three for attempting to get it together on their own. We also applaud them for standing up to the province. Now if the province can only be convinced to keep out of the way, unless its help is needed, perhaps some good will come from the efforts that are being made, much as has happened in Haliburton County.

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Letters

Objecting to the imposition of outside interference in amalgamation process

The following is the text of a letter sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Tony Clement, by Somerville Township Clerk Elinor Burke. See related story on page 3.

Dear Mr. Clement:

RE: Commission for Victoria County

Council has received the information confirming that a commission has been authorized for Victoria County. Members are extremely disappointed with this announcement, as the local municipalities have clearly been working on a solution toward reducing the number of municipalities. The townships of Bexley, Laxton, Digby, Longford and Somerville have held numerous meet-

ings and formed various sub-committees to determine cost-effective means to continue to provide efficiency in services, and ultimately reduce the number of politicians which appears to be the prime target on the province's agenda.

However, that aside, it is the intention of the three townships to continue with our discussions and to that end we have struck a "restructuring committee" which is to present a report by January 31, 2000 for consideration. We are proceeding to work toward merging the three townships regardless of the fact that the commission has been approved.

Council has serious concerns as to

why the commission was authorized, especially as the province continues to emphasize that "our first preference has always been for municipalities to develop local solutions for restructuring." This statement goes against the actions that the province has taken and flies in the face of allowing local municipalities to resolve the issue on our own, with the people who know, understand and recognize what is important and where communities of interest lie.

With all due respect, Council feels strongly that the province has overreached in Victoria County and requests that the commissioner be deferred pending the outcome of our own effort on a local level.

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Editor:

Thanks to the generous hearts of the people in Galway, Cavendish and Harvey Townships, Christmas was a little brighter for many families.

The members of the hamper committee thank everyone who contributed in any way to the 1999 hamper program.

The hampers were distributed on December 18, from the Buckhorn Community Centre. Donations of food, cash, toys, knitted goods and even entire hampers all helped to make the 1999 program a success. Leftover food was donated to the foodbank.

A cash donation was sent to the

Brock Mission and to the Crossroads Women's Shelter. We thank everyone who made this successful drive possible, and we hope that you will support it again next year. Donations can be made at any time during the year, by sending a cheque out to the Galway, Cavendish and Harvey Townships and specifying that it be directed to the Hamper Fund.

Galway, Cavendish and Harvey Hamper Committee

Bah, Humbug!

Editor:

Recently I tuned in the television program 20/20 hosted by Barbara Walters. She presented a documentary on a successful paving business. The owner of the company realized a fortune in his business. He also realized that his company was a success not only because of his business acumen, but largely due to his employees and their responsibility to their jobs. To cap a long story, he shared his millions with every one of his employees (over 300 in all). In fact, cheques of exactly one million dollars were handed out to many individuals.

Which brings me to my question. "Is your boss a Scrooge?" I know for certain there are a number of very success-

ful businesses in this area that don't so much as give a turkey or much less, a handshake to their staff at this time of year. Yet they know they have dedicated, hardworking people in their employ. (Usually earning minimum wage at that). I have to ask myself "Do these employer/owners really want to be associated with the likes of Scrooge? I realize the owner of the paving company is one in a million, in more ways than one, but is it too much to ask an employer to recognize his employee's dedication and commitment to his/her job at this special time of year? What do you think?

Janet Clow,
Minden.

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Compassion: a limited resource

Many years ago, when the water was drinkable and no one had heard of global warming, AIDS, or sun screen, a man took a little boy to Toronto to see the Santa Claus Parade.

I don't remember a lot about the parade, but I sure remember my first impressions of the Big City.

I, (country bumpkin), had never imagined buildings that tall. The downtown streets were like canyons of concrete. Even the sun's rays didn't reach the sidewalk. It looked to this young hick that "they'd gone about as far as they could go."

I was wrong. I've just come back from a week in downtown Toronto. Any buildings still standing from my first visit 50 years ago, would look like pup tents among the towering pillars of glass and steel in downtown Hogtown today.

My Old Man would never believe it.

I had a little trouble with it too. I've been to Toronto lots of times over the years, but I always forget how many suit-and-tie guys there are.

How harassed they all seem.

And how no one ever quite looks you in the eye.

One other thing I noticed: Street people. People camped out on the sidewalk - over steam grates if they were lucky - huddling on pieces of cardboard, filthy blankets and moth-eaten sleeping bags. I started out dropping loonies in the paper cups and upturned ball caps in front of them, but

I gave it up after a few blocks. There were too many - and the name is Arthur, not Conrad.

People sleeping on the streets. Pretty commonplace in Calcutta or Addis Ababa, I imagine - but on the sidewalks of one of the richest cities in the world? How the hell did THAT happen?

I shouldn't have been surprised. I saw my first street person in another, even richer city about 15 years ago. I was in New York and I was asking the doorman of some fancy hotel how to get to Central Park. He rolled his eyes, raised his arm and pointed. But I wasn't listening, because just beyond his elegant, white-gloved hand I saw a man lying on the sidewalk. I thought perhaps he'd fallen down; or he was drunk.

I also wondered if I was hallucinating because I seemed to be the only person who noticed. The doorman ignored him and so did the stream of Manhattanites who veered around him without breaking stride, as if he was just a large, regrettable mound of doggy-doo.

Later, I realized that New York had merely reached Stage Two in the Homeless Phenomenon. First, you get the people living and begging on the streets; then you get the hardening of hearts. Because compassion - like spare change - is a limited resource.

I noticed last week that the citizens of Toronto have become just as suave

as those New Yorkers. I saw knots of well-dressed people waiting for taxis, apparently oblivious to a body behind them, sprawled on the pavement.

Drunk? Asleep? Dead? Who wants to know? - "Taxi!"

The most poignant vignette of my trip? A theatre crowd in black tie and evening gowns, standing outside the Princess of Wales Theatre for an intermission break. I was close enough to hear the witty, high-spirited chatter and to see that more than a few of them had smuggled their glasses of wine and snifters of brandy out with them. I was also close enough to see that smack in the middle of the crowd, on the sidewalk, surrounded by shiny patent leather shoes and tres chic high heels, sat a guy wrapped in a dirty blue sleeping bag and holding a piece of cardboard with the word PLEASE scrawled on it.

Oh, and the feature that night at the Princess of Wales Theatre? Oliver!

You know - the musical about the little kid, starving in a workhouse, who holds up his bowl asking for 'more'?

I found myself wishing my Old Man could be there with me. He was an open-minded guy - he would have got his mind around the body piercings, the cell phones, the sixty-storey skyscrapers. He might even have accepted the sight of people living and sleeping on the sidewalks.

But nobody giving a damn about it? He never would have believed that.

Etcetera

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Sports

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Minden hockey players get free clinic

Hockey players from the Minden area got some instruction from a different source last week. Scott Simon of the Minden branch of the CIBC and

three players from the Gravenhurst Cubs Junior C hockey team, which he coaches, conducted two clinics at the Minden arena Tuesday and Wednesday.

Hockey players ranging in age from seven to 12 (Novice, Atom and Pee wee) took part in the clinics. Each

clinic was two hours, from noon to 2 p.m. Simon and his three players put the youngsters through their paces, teaching them some valuable drills and techniques that are sure to improve their skills.

Simon said it gives him a chance to get to know some of the young hockey players from the area and at the same time, gives the players an opportunity to get some instruction from someone outside the immediate area. He moved to the Minden branch from Bracebridge about six months ago.

One of the three helpers Simon brought along is Minden native Dan Jordan. The other players are Wes Parent of Sundridge and Shane LaBelle, a native of Oakville, who is now living in Gravenhurst.

Jordan just recently joined the Cubs. He had played five games with the team as of last week and Simon said the 18 year-old left-winger "brings some veteran experience to the team."

The Cubs are currently ranked sixth in Ontario, with an impressive record this season of 19 wins, six losses and two ties.

After the first session, Simon said, "I'm very impressed with the hockey talent in Minden. I think there's a lot of potential"

He added that their skills are comparable to any he has instructed, including those in

Huntsville, Bracebridge and even Scarborough.

"The kids were great," Simon said. "They should have some good playoffs. The talent is definitely there."

CIBC and the Cubs organization paid the cost of the clinics, allowing the youngsters to participate free.



Scott Simon and three members of the Gravenhurst Cubs Junior C hockey team put about 25 Minden area hockey players through their paces during the first of two clinics at the Minden arena last week.

Haliburton Huskies down Novice A Monarchs 3-1

Haliburton Huskies sniper Mitch Vasey scored one goal each period, leading his OMHA Novice team to a 3-1 win over the Monarchs in Minden on December 18.

Brady Hicks was the lone Minden marksman, beating Haliburton netminder Nathan Woodcock at the 3:52 mark of the third period. Todd Simms assisted on the Hicks goal.

Matt Johnston earned an assist on one of Vasey's markers. The other two were unassisted.

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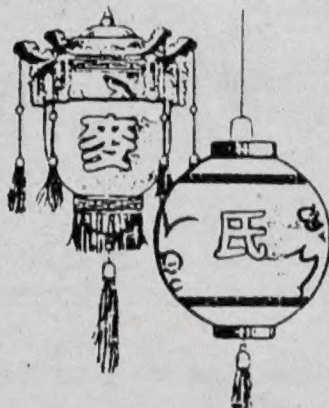
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Monarchs edge Woodville

by Andy Lennox

Minden 3, Woodville 2

Division-leading Woodville traveled to Minden on December 18 for the long anticipated rematch. Minden held a slight edge in play in first period outshooting Woodville 7-5. Cody Mills set the competitive tone early with a couple of thunderous open-ice body checks. Woodville got on the board first when the visitors rapped in a goal mouth rebound on a scramble three and a half minutes into the game. David Muir kept the score close by making some fine

saves at the end of the first period and midway through the second.

Minden turned up the heat in the second period, outshooting Woodville 12-6, with Travis Walker alone accounting for nine shots. The Woodville goalie made some outstanding saves to keep Minden off the board, including a Hasek-like stop on Mills from the slot. Travis Walker tied the game 10 minutes into the second period with a wrist shot high to the stick side from the deep slot after taking a pass from Mills.

Woodville took the lead again early in the third period when the puck squibbed through Mike Lennox's skates during a goal mouth scramble. The fast pace continued throughout the third period with Minden holding the territorial edge, however the shots were close with Minden holding a 9-8 edge in the third.

Minden tied the game after Aaron Keaney fired what can only be called a laser beam which rang off both posts and went in, after Zac Joanu won the offensive zone faceoff. Mills appeared to score the go-ahead goal a few minutes later but the goal was disallowed because the referee lost sight of the puck. With three minutes to go in the tied game, Minden received a penalty. Woodville put on the extreme pressure, looking for the go-ahead goal. But goal tender Mike Lennox and the Minden penalty killers turned them back. The Minden penalty expired with 60 seconds to go in the game, and Aaron Keaney, just stepping out of the penalty box, grabbed the loose puck and charged into the Woodville zone and fired a shot which was stopped. Zac Joanu, cruising in the for the rebound, fired a shot from the deep slot which beat the prone Woodville goalie to give Minden the 3-2 victory.

Illegal hunting nets four men \$5,750 in fines

Three people in a hunting party from Toronto and Wilberforce have been fined a total of \$4,450 after pleading guilty to charges related to killing a bull moose.

Michael Michie, 31, of Toronto, was fined \$2,150 on charges of shooting a bull moose without the proper adult validation tag and trespassing to hunt. Kenneth Townsend, 36, and Ronald Townsend, 29, of Wilberforce, were each fined \$1,150 on charges of possessing the illegal bull moose and trespassing to hunt. All three men forfeited their portions of the moose.

In a separate case, Brian Vollick, 49, of Orillia, was fined \$1,300 on charges of unlawfully shooting a doe white-tailed deer without the proper validation tag and using another hunter's doe tag. The court ordered Vollick to forfeit his rifle and the deer.

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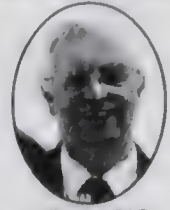
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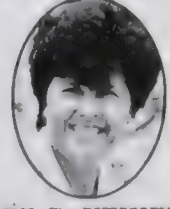
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The Cannington Novice A hockey team was in Minden on December 21 and the visitors demonstrated why they are in first place in the league standings. Although the Monarchs played well, they weren't up to the challenge of keeping up with their rivals. Cannington skated to an 11-2 win. Minden goalie Paddy Manuge faced a deluge of shots. He is seen above making one of the many saves he made throughout the game.

Peewee A Monarchs compete in Bancroft tournament

The Minden Monarchs Peewee OMHA hockey team got a chance to play against some teams they don't usually meet when they went to Bancroft for a tournament on December 12. The result was a learning experience for the Minden team.

Minden's first game was against Eaganville. The Monarchs had a strong second period, overcoming a 2-0 deficit and taking a 4-2 lead with just under three minutes left in the frame.

But Eaganville rebounded with two goals late in the period, the last one with six seconds showing on the clock, to tie it up going into the third.

The momentum continued for the Eaganville squad in the third, with two more goals in the first minute of the period.

Minden got one back at the 1:46 mark, but Eaganville added two more midway through the period to clinch the 8-5 win.

Kolt Smith notched two goals and one assist. Single markers were scored by Chad Carpenter, Jeremy Upton and Matt Allore. Matt Moore picked up two assists, with singles going to Allore and Andrew Bull.

The next game for the Monarchs was against the host Bancroft team.

The Monarchs found themselves down 3-0 in the second period before they put one on the scoreboard late in the period. They closed the gap to 3-2 two minutes into the third, but Bancroft added one more near the middle of the period and held on for the 4-2 win.

Moore and Bull were the Minden snipers, with Smith and Moore each picking up one assist.

Game three for the Monarchs was against Port Perry. A four-goal first period for the Port Perry team was more than the Monarchs could overcome, although they closed the gap to 4-3 in the third period. Port Perry notched two late goals, including an empty net marker, for a 6-3 win.

Shaun Chapman, Bull and Smith were the Minden marksmen, with Moore notching an assist.

Night time is the right time for skiing

Skiing through the holidays is always a great way to enjoy the season. The hot drinks taste better. The snacks seem to have a fuller taste, and the glide of new skis on Christmas Day seems magical. These dark days also bring the opportunity for moonlight ski runs, or you can go for a ski under the lights at Glebe Park. Skiing at night on a short loop might not seem thrilling, but almost everyone who tries it finds it exhilarating.

Anyone can ski after 5 p.m. on the lit loop at Glebe Park. Dysart council has supported the development of night skiing there because council (rightly) believes it should be available to everyone. So get out some evening and give it a try. (The requisite snow will be here soon).

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Finally, consider the fact that the New Millennium is nearly upon us, so why not think about making plans to observe a portion of that special day on skis? There is always room in the clubhouse for some photos of the day, and I'm sure that bragging rights would go to the first Haliburton Ski Club member who takes the first ski in the New Millennium. Why not concoct a scheme to grab the glory for yourself? Remember to get the evidence on film!

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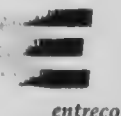
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Peewee A Monarchs tie Bobcaygeon, lose to Orono

24 goals scored in two games

Hockey fans who like lots of scoring should have followed the Minden OMHA Peewees on the weekend of December 18 and 19. A total of 24 goals were scored in two games.

The Saturday game in Minden saw the Monarchs play host to the Bobcaygeon Cougars in what turned out to be a 14-goal game.

The two teams matched each other goal for goal throughout the game, with Minden scoring its seventh marker late in the third period to escape with a tie.

The score was 2-2 at the end of the first period and 6-6 after two.

Bobcaygeon went ahead 7-6 just 12 seconds into

the third and held that advantage for most of the period. With just under three minutes left, the Monarchs netted the equalizer.

Kolt Smith and Andrew Bull each notched two goals and a pair of assists for the Monarchs. Matt Moore and Matt Allore each contributed a goal and one assist to the Minden tally and Jeremy Upton scored one goal. Darrin Brown earned three assists and a single helper went to Shaun Chapman.

The next day saw the Monarchs in Orono, where Minden goaltender Tyler Anderson was bombarded with shots. When it was over, the home team had put 10 into the mesh behind Anderson for a 10-0 victory.

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J.O. Jackson 'Spiel December 29

by Sandy Cole

Attention curling members and new members for the second schedule. The start date is the week of January 17 not January 10 which was reported last week. Remember to break up the Christmas holidays by coming to the club to watch the annual J.O. Jackson Memorial Bonspiel on December 29.

After the new year, the regular playoffs continue with Tuesday Night Men's semifinals on January 3 and finals on January 4 at 8 p.m. Thursday Night Mixed quarter-finals are on January 6 and Friday Night Mixed is on January 7 at 8 p.m. Semifinals for Thursday and Friday leagues will be on January 12 at 7 and 9 p.m. and the finals for Thursday League will be January 13 and the for Friday finals will be on January 14 at 8 p.m.

The Bantam mixed and junior mixed zone playdowns can be seen on January 8 and 9.

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Ross Wray 8, Jack Woodcroft 4
Rob Eaton 10, Dave McAdam 6

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Mike Whitmarsh 6, Jack Woodcroft 5
Pat Woodcroft 10, Paul Prentice 1
Ross Davies 11, Cheryl Murdoch 5
Melanie Vigrass 13, Jason Scott 3
Gord Wood 11, Dana Kinsman 5
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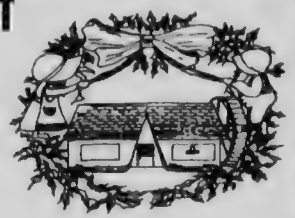
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All the school's a stage at Archie Stouffer

by Amanda Davis and Jennifer Hicks, Archie Stouffer Press Club

The Grade Seven and Eight students at Archie Stouffer Elementary School have been practicing several plays over the last couple of weeks, under the direction of Mr. Carter. This involved a lot of cooperative work amongst the students and concentrated efforts.

On December 15, the plays were performed for the students in Grades Four through Six. The plays were called, The Three Swine of Most Small Stature, which

is a comical version of the Three Little Pigs in Chinese. Another play was called Small Shovel, Private Ear. That's right, ear, not eye. This is about a mother looking for her baby and the baby turns out to be the detective.

The third play performed was call Prince Percy of Pomegranate Castle. This was a comical play involving three kids, two of which were sent off when they were young by their evil father. Later they came back to take their place as king.

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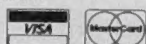


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